Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #14-0813-249

Approval of Amendments to the 2014 Black Bear Hunting Regulations to include the number of permits available to LRBOI Tribal Members and to state the hunting season

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the Treaty of Chicago [August 29, 1821; 7 Stat 218], the Treaty of Washington [March 28, 1836; 7 Stat 491], the Treaty of Detroit [July 31, 1855; 11 Stat 621] with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324 [108 Stat 2156], enacted September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) to govern the conduct of members of the Little River Band and other persons within its jurisdiction; and under Section 7(a)(2) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) to create by ordinance regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Little River Band, provided that no such commission or subordinate organization shall exercise powers of the Tribal Council unless they are expressly delegated by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Natural Resource Commission Ordinance, Ordinance #06-500-01, which delegates the authority to that Commission to promulgate Regulations in order to implement the provisions of the Ordinance

and all Ordinances governing activities pertaining to natural resources by any person on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission has approved amendments by Resolution #14-0811-33 during a regular meeting with quorum present, adopting the attached 2014 Black Bear Hunting Regulations to include the number of permits available to LRBOI Tribal Members and to state the hunting season.

WHEREAS, the Regulations require the approval of Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the amended 2014 Black Bear Regulations as attached to this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Regulations shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Natural Resource Commission shall provide copies of the amended Regulation to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resource Department, and shall ensure that the Regulation is posted on-line and available to Tribal Members.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 13, 2014, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Tribal Court
Public Safety Department
Natural Resources Department

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

September 21, 1994

2014

Black Bear Hunting Regulations

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Black Bear Hunting Regulations

The regulations in this handbook are for black bear hunting. Hunters must abide by all other Tribal regulations. In the event of a conflict, these regulations control.

Applying for Bear Permits

Tribal Members interested in harvesting bear must apply for a harvest tag from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. The application must include the top three management unit the Tribal Member is interested in.

Bag limits are one per year.

Black Bear Open Season:	**DATES**
Bear Management Units	2014 Tribal Tags Available
Baraga	54
Gwinn	45
Newberry	54
Baldwin	21
Gladwin	6
Red Oak	27

Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and harvest/transport tag is required to take, transport and possess black bear. The tags are only valid in the specified bear management unit. The hunter must immediately fill out the harvest / transport tag and attach it to the lower jaw of the bear.

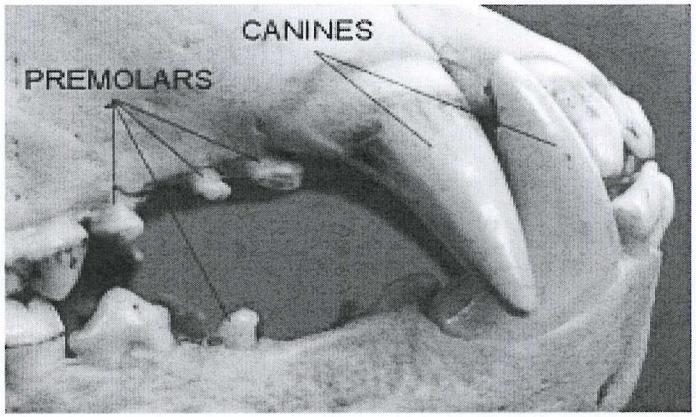
Lawfully taken black bear may be transported within or outside of the Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the carcass has been properly sealed.

The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the bear for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

Registration and Collection

The bear must be registered within three business days of the kill at a Tribally-certified or Michigan DNR station. Registration is mandatory. Hunters may present the entire carcass or just the hide with claws, head and teeth still attached. The sealed registration tag must be retained until all the meat is consumed or disposed of.

A premolar tooth will be collected when the bear is registered and used to determine the age of the bear and genetic information.



Reproductive tract collection is voluntary. A hunter may elect to donate a female bear's reproductive tract by contacting a LRBOI Wildlife Biologist at (231) 723-1594. The LRBOI NRD will provide instructions and collection supplies on request.

Baiting

Hunters may bait black bear subject to the following:

- Hunters may bait black bears with unlimited amounts of meat and meat products, fish and fish products, dog food, cat food, bakery or confectionary items such as jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or processed bakery items, including pie fillings and yogurts.
- Hunters may use five gallons of grain per bait station, provided the grain is inaccessible to deer and elk. **Hunters cannot use grain in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting.**
- All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals may be used in 100 lb. quantities starting October 1, except in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting.
- All containers used to bait black bears in Tribal and public lands must be removed and disposed of properly.
- Hunters may not use bait that has been poisoned or medicated or that will harm or stupefy the bear.
- Bait stations may not be established or tended in the Ceded Territory before August 10 or after October 26.

Dogs

Hunters may use dogs subject to the following:

- Dogs may be trained by pursuing black bear from July 1 through August 30.
- All dogs must be immunized and licensed with the license or owner's identifying information on their collars.
- No more than six dogs may run as a pack, regardless of the number of hunters or the ownership of the dogs.
- Packs may not be relayed.
- Individual dogs may not be replaced during a hunt.
- Dogs may not be trained on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- Dogs <u>may not</u> be trained or used to hunt black bear in the Upper Peninsula from September 10 through September 14 or in the Red Oak Management Unit from October 2 through October 8.

Weapons and Ammunition Allowed

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for a black bear hunt:

- Soft point or expanding bullets
- Center-fire rifles of .243 caliber or larger
- Rifled muzzle-loader of .40 caliber or larger (including rifled muzzle-loading handguns)
- Smooth bore muzzle-loader of .45 caliber or larger (including smooth bore muzzle-loading handguns)
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs
- Bows with a pull of at least 30 pounds
- Crossbows with a pull of at least 100 pounds
- Arrows with broad heads having a cutting surface a minimum of one inch in diameter
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .357 caliber or larger, with straight walled cartridges only (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined)
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .243 center-fire caliber or larger bottleneck cartridges (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined)

Concealed Weapons

Hunters may not carry concealed weapons on Tribal lands. Tribal Members may carry handguns with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Handguns must be carried in plain view while in the field. Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.

Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited

Tribal Members **may not** use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during bear hunt also prohibited)
- Semi-automatic or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both the chamber and magazine combined
- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets
- Devices known or used to silence firearms
- Firearms not specifically listed on page 5 of this booklet
- Explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, local time. Tribal Members hunting black bear may not shoot a firearm, crossbow or bow outside of these hours.

Miscellaneous Restrictions

Tribal Members may not engage in any of the following during a black bear hunt:

- The use of explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances
- Shooting bears in dens or landfills
- Shooting cubs or sows with cubs

Tribal Members may not sell black bear parts, hides, meat or internal organs.

Black Bear Hunting Season

The 2014 Black Bear hunting season is September 10—October 26 in all units.

For more information contact:

Natural Resource Department:	866-723-1594
Conservation Law Enforcement:	231-723-6241
Weekends/After hours: Contact	
Central Dispatch:	231-723-6241

For more information contact Conservation Law Enforcement or Natural Resource Department, Wildlife Staff:

Phone: 231-723-1594
Fax: 231-723-8873

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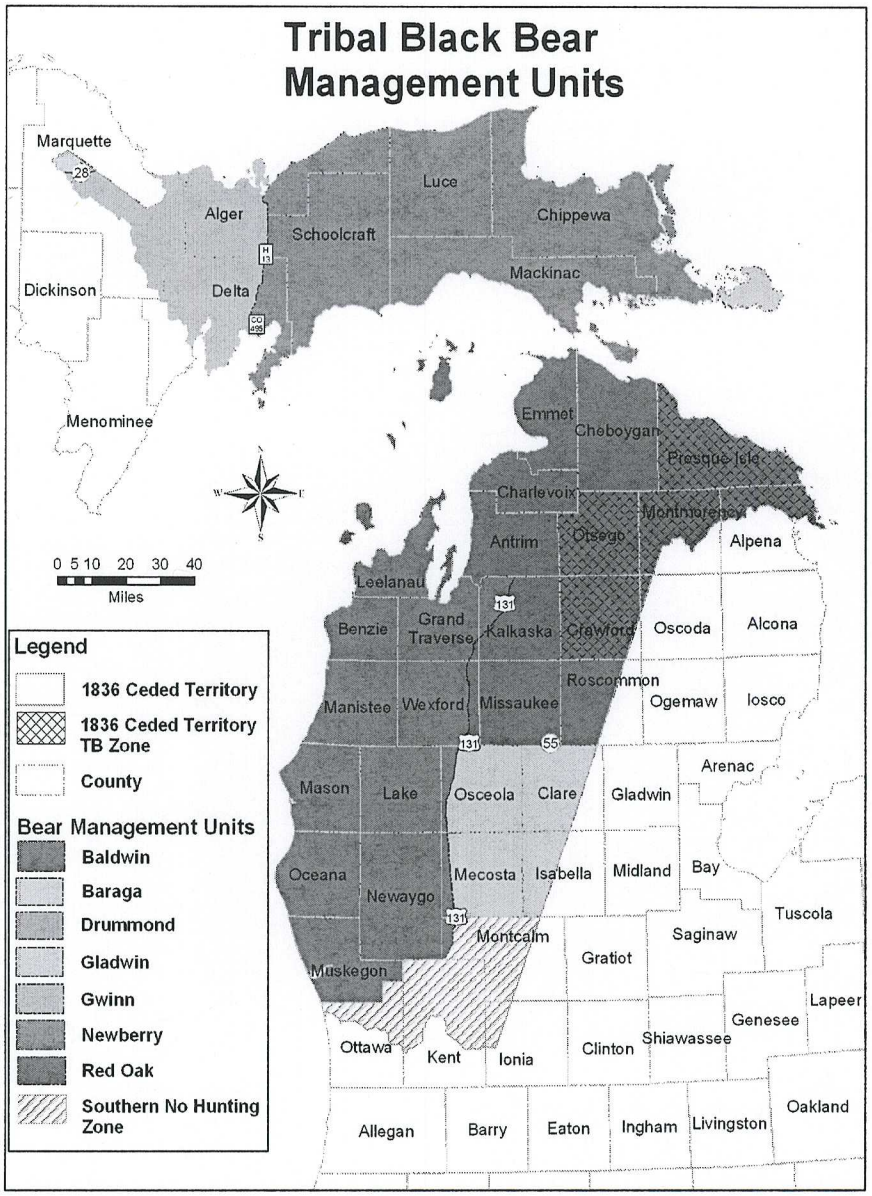
Tribal Black Bear Management Units
Marquette
Alger
Schoolcraft
Luce
Chippewa
Mackinac
Dickinson
Delta
Menominee
Emmet
Cheboygan
Presque Isle
Charlevoix
Montmorency
Antrim
Otsego
Alpena
Leelanau
Benzie
Grand Traverse
Kalkaska
Crawford
Oscoda
Alcona
Roscommon
Ogemaw
Iosco
Manistee
Wexford
Missaukee
Arenac
Mason
Lake
Osceola
Clare
Gladwin
Oceana
Newaygo
Mecosta
Isabella
Midland
Bay
Tuscola
Montcalm
Saginaw
Gratiot
Muskegon
Lapeer
Genesee
Ottawa
Kent
Ionia
Clinton
Shiawassee
Oakland
Allegan
Barry
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Legend
1836 Ceded Territory
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County
Bear Management Units
Baldwin
Baraga
Drummond
Gladwin
Gwinn
Newberry
Red Oak
Southern No Hunting Zone